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11. (SBU) Bangladesh Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury told the Ambassador May 15 the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) is prepared to "revisit" the request for aviation assets in support of the UN-AU peacekeeping operation in Darfur (UNAMID). Chowdhury said the Bangladesh military had limited aviation capacity, but he said he would discuss with Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division (AFD), Bangladesh's JCS equivalent, the possibility of freeing up some assets in order to support UNAMID. Chowdhury welcomed the USG offer to consider requests for assistance to upgrade assets.

12. (SBU) Chowdhury noted Bangladesh already had offered to support UNAMID with two infantry battalions. He said Bangladesh strongly supported UNAMID's mission. He also observed that Bangladesh's participation would greatly enhance UNAMID practically and symbolically, because of Bangladesh's experience in peacekeeping and reputation as a moderate Muslim nation.

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